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**To:**  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application  
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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.*

Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Abby

Last Name Smith

Today's Date 1/11/2021

Street Address 316 E McLeod Rd, Suite 108

City Bellingham

Zip 98226

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone 3609276647

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address abby@skookumkids.org

### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Child & Family Well-Being Task Force

## Committee

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Child & Family Well-Being Task Force      Yes

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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?      Yes

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3. Which Council district do you live in?      District 2

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4. Are you a US citizen?      Yes

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5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?      Yes

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6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?      No

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7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?      No

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8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?      No

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You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions      Attached

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9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I currently serve as the Director of Programs at Skookum Kids, a locally grown nonprofit serving youth and families within the foster care system. I also work as a youth and family therapist, helping to build healthy relationships, mindsets, and systems within the home.

Resume Attached.

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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

I am very invested in the community of Whatcom County, and the health of our children and families. I am very excited about the opportunity to learn from new voices and collaborate with a diverse group of people to imagine and implement a brighter future for children. I am a skilled listener and communicator and enjoy learning from others' experiences in order to chart a better path forward. I have sat on many committees and task forces involving DCYF and local nonprofits and believe I could be of valuable service in this group.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Ray Deck  
(518) 290-0729

Laurie Alexander  
360.319.2744

Shannon Epps  
206.349.5913

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Signature of applicant: Abby Smith

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Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, WA

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# Abby Smith

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## Experience

**Skookum Kids**, Bellingham, WA

June 2015- Present

Director of Programs

- Build and lead programs that create support and safety for children and their families
- Ensure that physical and emotional needs of children, staff, and volunteers in all programs are seen and met
- Work with regional licensors and local social workers on case plans, program requirements, and policies
- Teach Trauma Informed Care practices to foster parents, staff, and community members

**Catholic Community Services**, Bellingham, WA

September 2019-June 2020

Mental Health Counselor

- Work with youth and families to build mental, emotional and relational health
- Create treatment plans and crisis intervention strategies to reach stability and safety
- Collaborate with school counselors, teachers, and primary care providers towards holistic health

## Education

**The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology**, Seattle, WA

Masters of Counseling Psychology

June 2020

**Seattle Pacific University**

BA Communication and International Relations

June 2013

## Certifications

Darkness to Light, Child Abuse Prevention

Caregiver Core Training (trainer)

## Trust Based Relational Intervention